GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Population of Tigers
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tiger population has for the first time registered an increase globally and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether it is true that most of the big cats in the wild are found in India and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government is considering to transfer some of its tigers to Cambodia; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)The global data pertaining to tiger population is not collated at Government of India level.

(b)Three major species of big cats are found in India, namely, tiger (Panthera tigris tigris), leopard (Panthera pardus) and Asiatic lion (Panthera leo persica). As per the assessment of the Status of Tigers, Co-predators and Prey, 2014 using the refined methodology, the tiger number has shown 30% increase countrywide with an estimated number of 2226 (range 1945-2491) as compared to 2010 estimation of 1706 (range 1520-1909 tigers). The details of tiger estimation pertaining to tiger landscapes in the country for the years 2010 and 2014 are at Annexure-I.

Similarly, leopard population estimates in forested habitats of tiger range States is 7910 (range 6566-9181), and the data related to Asiatic lion population in India as per the recent estimation, is reported to be 523.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

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